

St. Dominic's Catholic Church
475 East I Street
Benicia
Solano County
California

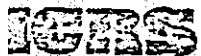
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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Architectural and Engineering Record
National Park Service
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Washington, D.C. 20240



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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE California	COUNTY Solano	TOWN OR VICINITY Benicia
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) St. Dominic's Catholic Church		HABS NO. CA-2083
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 475 East I Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1890	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) None known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Dominicans founded a church and monastery on this site in 1854. This church, built in 1890, replaced the original. The house of studies and the novitiate stayed here until 1923.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, five-bay front, one story with clerestory.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Two elaborate domed towers with pedimented gables on four sides, engaged columns and pilasters, and belfries; center entrance framed by Corinthian columns, flanked by smaller entrances, flanked by windows in end bays; denticulated cornice, swags, garlands, etc.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) One large open space; Corinthian columns support architrave, above which are bull's-eye windows.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE church		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Brick structure, labeled "library" on 1891 and 1899 Sanborn maps, only other structure from original complex.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) The Benicia project was undertaken by HABS in the summer of 1976 in cooperation with Exxon Company, USA, and the Benicia Historical Society. The project supervisor was John P. White and the project historian was Robert Brueggemann.		

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